

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"Strive, Believe, Achieve"

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Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Term 1 Week 5
2nd March,
2017*

I am in my office for the first time this week after being away on camps since Sunday afternoon. It was an absolute pleasure to be able to spend three nights away with such dedicated staff and amazing students. The VCAL students showed great leadership and initiative as they worked together to manage all the different aspects of the camp, including organising the schedule, budgeting, meals, setting up and packing up. Two highlights included were 'Supatramp' where I spent most of my time rock climbing with some students, and also ten pin bowling on Tuesday before we left. I then travelled straight to Cave Hill Creek to see the Year 7s on their camp. The students and staff were in high spirits finishing off a rotation of activities. I joined in on the bike ride, which was memorable for all the wrong reasons (I crashed). However, the 'monster challenge' and night walk were a great way to get to know some students in a different context. I want to thank all the staff who gave up their own time and supported these camps, as well as the parents and guardians who have supported getting children to come along. Sometimes this can involve pushing their children out of their comfort zones, but camps are incredible experiences that can benefit students well into the future.

By now you should have received your school fees for Semester 1, 2017. As many of you would know, we reduced school fees considerably in 2016 to make them as affordable as possible. Please be assured that any fee we charge is for an essential item that we believe will make a significant difference in enabling us to provide a quality learning service. It could include a subscription to an online program to enhance learning or the cost of transport to maximise learning time. Please get in touch with the office if you require a repayment plan.

We are now over half way through the term which has got off to a great start. Teachers are working on reforming the reporting process based on parent feedback. Please ensure that you are utilising Edmodo to have conversations with your children about their work in order to discuss their learning and areas for improvement. All subjects now should have resources and assessments recorded on Edmodo. Please contact the school if you would like to find out how to access and best use Edmodo.

Michael Briggs-Miller
Principal

Absence Hotline - 5398 1433 Or email

Charmaine – Mon, Tues and Fri - wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Chelsea – Wed and Thurs - smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please notify the school by 12 noon on the day of the absence.

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

Relay for life

Currently we have 25 members on our team and we need your help! We need some parent supervisors (especially male) to ensure that students can participate in this wonderful event. Just a reminder that relay for life is at Coughlin Park on March 17-18 and if you are able to lend a hand, please contact me on 5398 1433. Registration information has been posted on the Edmodo Bulletin and the school Facebook page or you can use the following link: http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?team_id=52822&pg=team&fr_id=4211.

If we get additional supervisors, excursion forms and details will be distributed next week. It is great to see a growing number of students signing up (you still can) and I am looking forward to the SRC's fundraising activities.

Leaving school grounds permission form.

I have recently developed a permission form to replace the note required for a 'lunch pass'. Any student who has not received a new form needs to collect one from the office. Thank you to those that have done so already.

VCAL Camp.

It was great to hear that the VCAL camp was a great success. Thank you to all staff who attended and well done to all the students who participated in this wonderful opportunity. A reflection about this camp is currently being worked on and will appear in an upcoming newsletter.



Heath Schulz

Acting Assistant Principal

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We are up to 808 LIKES on the Warracknabeal Secondary College Facebook page. If you haven't already "liked" our page make sure you do so you can get updates on what's happening around the school.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

We have just returned from the Year 7 camp at Cave Hill Creek and it was a great success! We spent three days and two nights on camp with our Year 7s and ten of our Year 10 buddies. On Monday we started off with a range of activities including: archery, canoeing, bouldering and bush cooking. Students competed in canoeing games on the lake, challenged themselves to get a bullseye in archery, and pushed themselves to complete the entire bouldering course. We were constantly impressed by students' positivity, optimism, and supportive attitudes. There were many times where students were cheering each other on and encouraging each other to go further.

The buddies developed activities around teamwork that helped to build students' resilience and collaboration. This was evident in our Monster Challenge that took place on Monday and Tuesday nights. On Monday, the students completed the challenge and then they had another opportunity to do it again on Tuesday night. The students set group goals focused on improving their times, encouraging each other, and working as a team.



The Year 10 buddies helped encourage students to try their hardest and participated in the challenge as well. After the second attempt, all of our students improved in their times and met their group goals!

We are very proud of our Year 7s. They were all very respectful at the camp and the camp owners thanked them for their outstanding behaviour. We will continue to work on building respectful relationships with and among students throughout the year.



This is a great starting point and we're looking forward to continuing on this positive path with our Year 7 students.



Whitney Munroe

Assistant Principal of Middle School

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements.
- CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
- If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.
- The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or print and return the form located at the end of the newsletter.

Careers Report

Job Opportunities

Apprentice Mechanic (Heavy Diesel)

On behalf of the CFA in Horsham, Skillinvest are seeking a self-motivated person keen to start a career as an Apprentice Heavy Diesel Mechanic.

This is an excellent opportunity and ideally, the successful applicant will possess the following attributes:

- Sound mechanical aptitude;
- Excellent problem solving abilities;
- The ability to work in a team environment;
- Strong commitment to customer service and pride of work;
- Be eager to learn and follow instructions;
- Driver's licence would be an advantage.

For further details please contact Shane Cross on 0418 564 890.

Both female and male applicants are encouraged to apply.

Contact Shane Cross 0418 564 890

TO APPLY: Written applications including a resume and cover letter to be forwarded to Shane Cross at Skillinvest, emailed to recruitment@skillinvest.com.au by 5pm Friday 10th March 2017.

Apprentice Plumber

Skillinvest is currently recruiting, on behalf of Hardingham's Plumbing in Donald, for an enthusiastic and committed person wishing to start a career within the plumbing trade.

The position requires a highly motivated person who is keen to work in a team environment in this industry.

This is an excellent opportunity and ideally, the successful applicant will possess the following attributes:

A genuine interest in the trade

A commitment to an apprenticeship & beyond

The wiliness & aptitude to work hard and learn all aspects of this trade

Be reliable and dedicated to the job

For further details please contact Kate Clark on 0428 971 821.

TO APPLY: Written applications including a resume and cover letter to be forwarded to recruitment@skillinvest.com.au by 5pm Monday 6th March 2017.

Engineering (Fabrication Trade) - Apprenticeship

Skillinvest on behalf of a well-established engineering business in the Minyip area are seeking applications for a highly motivated person keen to kick start their career in the Engineering field.

The successful applicant will undertake Certificate III Engineering - Fabrication Trade.

This is a re-advertised position; previous applicants are welcome to apply.

The successful applicant must possess a keen interest for a career in the engineering industry.

Have good written and verbal skills and to be able to understand and act upon given instructions in the appropriate manner.

They must be reliable and hard working with an eye for detail.

They must also work well in a team, show initiative and be responsible with a positive attitude and good organisational skills.

Applicants with welding skills/experience will be highly regarded.

For further details please contact Sharnie Matulick at Skillinvest on 03 5381 6200.

TO APPLY: Written applications including a resume and cover letter to be forwarded to Sharnie Matulick at recruitment@skillinvest.com.au by 5pm Friday 3rd March 2017

Inside Monash Seminar Series

Students can visit Monash University and get the inside story of what it's really like to study at Monash. Seminars will feature perspectives from a current student, a graduate and an academic. The best way for students to research their course options at Monash is through first-hand what their experience might be like.

Registrations are essential and sessions book out early. Students can register at: monash.edu/inside-monash

Federation University - Bachelor of Information Technology (new)

FedUni's Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) specialised streams have been developed in accordance with the Australian Computer Society's accreditation requirements and in consultation with IT staff and the industry advisory group. The degree is designed to appeal directly to particular market needs and student interests. Specialised streams include;

Big Data and Analytics - analysis of large, complex data sets

Business Information Systems - analysis and design of business information systems

Cloud and Enterprise Computing - mainframe and cloud computing

Games Development - design, creation and production of computer and video games

Mobile App Development - with a particular focus on developing apps for mobile platforms

Networking and Security - join the war in cyberspace through ethical hacking and data security

Software Development - testing, refinement and maintenance of tools and techniques, evaluation of existing products.

Some courses are offered online. Look up <https://federation.edu.au/>

Ritchies Supermarket Warracknabeal – Junior staff

Ritchies Supermarket is looking for junior staff to work after school and weekends. To apply for a position please take your updated resume into Les Klemm, Manager at the Supermarket.

Nicole Stewart

Careers/VET Co-ordinator

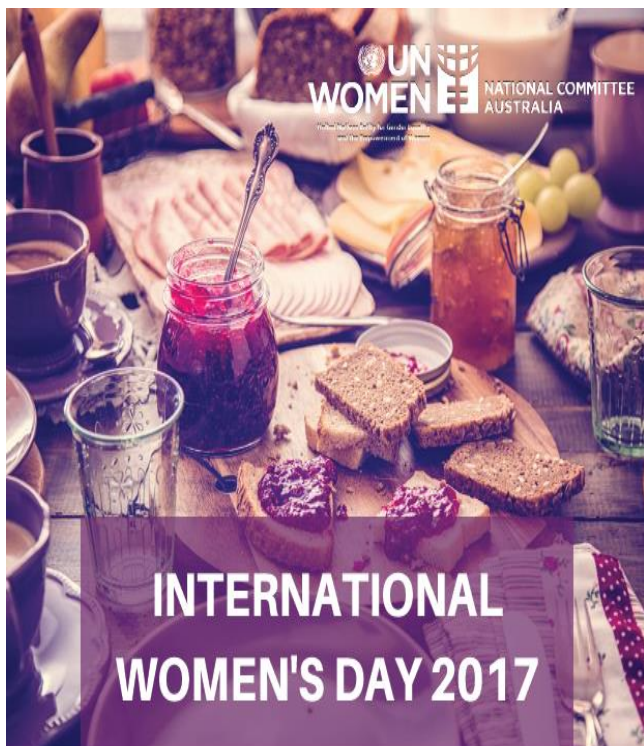
Structured Workplace Learning

Calendar of Events



March	6-7 th	Yr 10/11 OES Camp (Port Fairy)
	13 th	Labour Day (No School)
	28 th	WSC Athletics
	30 th	Parent/Teacher Interviews
	31 st	Last day Term 1

Community Events



Empower a woman, empower a nation.

#myiwdbrekkie

International Women's Day
 Event name: Breakfast, Thursday March 9th, 2017
 Venue: Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House, 2 Cox St Warracknabeal
 Time: 7.30am for Breakfast
 Time: 8.00am Guest Speaker Cost: FREE
 Contact: Please register with Neighbourhood House for catering by 3/3/17
 Phone: 5396 1360
 Email: info@wnhlc.com.au



We are looking for interested community members who would like to **VOLUNTEER** in Yarriambiack Lodge.

So how can you help?

Examples of how you can volunteer include:

- Technology support: eg teaching Ipad use, Virtual Reality, Games & Goggles
- One-on-one companionship
- Gardening
- Handy work
- Craft & activities

Or do you have a special interest or experience you could share with our residents?

For further information contact **Katie Ramsdale** or **Wendy Walters** on 5396 1200



Find out more about how you can volunteer ...
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
Thursday March 9th
 at 6pm
 in the Community Room,
 Landt Building,

cultural
diversity week
18-26th March 2017

What's On?

HORSHAM EVENTS



Diversity Day: A Celebration of Cultural Diversity Saturday 18th March | 1:30-5:30pm | Horsham Town Hall

Diversity Day will be a day of FREE entertainment and food, including:
Dance with Diversity Scarf Stories Taste of the World Buffet
Kids' Activities & Workshops Craft Market
All activities are FREE but tickets are limited. Please book your tickets at horshamtownhall.com.au or collect from Horsham Town Hall Box Office, HRCC Civic Centre, Horsham Visitor Information Centre & Horsham Library.

Taste of Harmony Shared Luncheon Monday 20th March | 11:30-1:30pm

Bring a Plate to share. All welcome.
Orange is the theme of the day! No booking required.



39 Urquhart St
3400

Celebrating 30 years

of Landcare & National Harmony Day with Bruce Pascoe Tuesday 21st March 2017 | 5:50-8:35pm | Horsham Town Hall

A cultural experience inspired by the discovery of a traditional Aboriginal Earth Oven in the region and Bruce Pascoe's best-selling book, *Dark Emu*. The main presentation by Bruce Pascoe, will be followed by a Q&A session. Book your FREE tickets at horshamtownhall.com.au or collect them from Horsham Town Hall Box Office.



Migrant Hospital Tours | Horsham Hospital Thursday 23rd March | 1-2pm (Reception)

A guided tour of the hospital with a chance for questions.
Including ED, radiology, pathology, Allied Health, wards
(incl. maternity) Wyuna. No booking required.



HIWA & GIP Diversity Friendship Lunch

Sunday 26th March | 11:30am-5pm | Grains Innovation Park (GIP)

Horsham Islamic Welfare Association (HIWA) and GIP Diversity Inc. are hosting a family-friendly Friendship Lunch to enhance friendship and harmony in our wider Wimmera community. All participants will enjoy a FREE Continental lunch and Mediterranean desserts at 12:30pm.

For reservations please contact Dr Mollah on: 0427 331 088

Mahabubur.Mollah@ecodev.vic.gov.au



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DIVERSITY DAY

Horsham Town Hall

Saturday 18th March 2017 | 1:30-5:30pm

A Celebration of Cultural Diversity in the Wimmera

Diversity Day will be a family-friendly day of free entertainment and food celebrating the cultural richness of the Wimmera. Diversity Day will include:



Scarf Stories: Why is the Hijab in the headlines?

Special guest, Dr Tooba Mollah, will be discussing the Hijab as an example of cultural expression. Dr Mollah pioneered wearing the Hijab in Horsham in 2007 and will be looking at the personal story behind the head scarf.

Dance with Diversity

This familiar favourite will showcase the cultural diversity of the region through dance. A collection of local dancers will be performing a variety of traditional dance routines alongside a professional dancer from Melbourne.



Activities & Workshops

Hours of creative fun will follow performances, with henna tattooing, 'scarf selfies', art activities, origami and more to amuse big and little people alike!



Craft Market

A unique variety of local produce and craft will be on sale from 3:30-5:30pm.



Taste of the World Buffet

A rare opportunity to sample a variety of authentic international cuisine will be served after the performance programme.

All activities are FREE but tickets are limited. Collect your tickets from Horsham Town Hall Box Office, HRCC Civic Centre, Horsham Visitor Information Centre & Horsham Library.

Tickets also available from: Dimboola, Edenhope, Goroke, Stawell, and Warracknabeal libraries.

Book your free tickets online at horshamtownhall.com.au

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